

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1810**

**Herbert Peterson House**

**121 Church Lane**

**Cockeysville, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1900**

**Private**

Constructed circa 1900 at 121 Church Lane, the Herbert Peterson House is representative of the few single-family dwellings remaining along the Church Lane corridor in the small community of Texas and reflects the late 19th and early 20th century history of the town of Texas as it grew from a small limestone quarry town established in the early 1800s. The dwelling, most likely inhabited by the family of a worker in the local industry, is directly related to the industrial history of the community.

The exterior fabric of the Herbert Peterson House has been completely altered since its circa construction and now reveals only a small amount of its original structure, including the three-bay-wide, single-pile form of the two-and-a-half-story building. The wood frame structural system has been parged with stucco, and the asphalt shingle-clad side gable roof features two gable dormer windows also finished with stucco. Additionally, the stone foundation has been parged. A two-story, one-bay-deep ell spans the width of the rear, or south elevation. The façade, or north elevation, has been greatly altered by the addition and enclosure of a full-width porch with a shed roof clad in asphalt shingles. Eight one-light vinyl casement windows pierce the north elevation of this addition. Entry into the enclosed porch is gained through a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with only one three-light sidelight over paneled dado on the east elevation. Four paired one-light vinyl casement windows flank a central one-light round, fixed vinyl window on the second story of the main block. Each dormer features one rectangular louvered metal ventilator. All façade openings feature vinyl surrounds and sills. A one-story, shed-roofed addition was constructed on the east elevation of the ell, and a wood deck was added to the second story of the ell's south elevation circa 1990.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1810

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Herbert Peterson House

### 2. Location

street and number 121 Church Lane

not for publication

city, town Cockeysville

vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name B & W LLC

street and number 121 Church Lane

telephone

Not Available

city, town Cockeysville

state

MD

zip code

21030

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 14137 folio 157

city, town Towson

tax map 51

tax parcel 241

tax ID number

0816017260

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

Inventory No. BA-1810

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** circa 1900

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** circa 1900

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Settled as early as 1801 by John Clark, the community now known as Texas, Maryland, was originally referred to as Clark's Switch. Over the next decades, the numerous quarries and mining opportunities surrounding the area drew many people to the settlement at Clark's Switch, which was soon known as Clarksville, and then as Ellengowan.<sup>1</sup> Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Texas was well known as a center for limestone quarries.

The quarrying of Texas limestone for commercial investment began in 1804. The availability of this resource meant prosperity not only for local builders, but also for local farmers, for a large amount of Texas limestone was burned to produce lime for the conditioning of soil. From 1804 until 1840, the quarrying of limestone around Texas increased dramatically, resulting in a total of roughly 50 limestone kilns in operation during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1877 alone, there were no fewer than 42 lime kilns in or near the center of Texas, most of which were situated along the Northern Central Railway near the town's railroad station. This latter fact is probably due to the ease with which the final product could be shipped out of Texas for distribution and sale to other parts of the county.<sup>2</sup>

By the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the community was officially known as Texas. Its change in name was apparently spurred by a nationalistic fervor that overtook the area during the Mexican-American War.<sup>3</sup> The industrial

<sup>1</sup> The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

<sup>2</sup> The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 129; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 47.

<sup>3</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850), n.p; see also John McGrain, *From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck: A History of Manufacturing Villages in Baltimore County*

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opportunity in the town led to an increasing population in Texas. In 1881, the town's population had reached 649, nearly two and one-half times that of Cockeysville, which was located only one mile to the north. Although no employment statistics exist for this time period, it is probable that the local quarries or kilns employed the majority of the residents of Texas. With increasing interests in the quarrying of limestone and its location along the Northern Central Railway, Texas then needed to accommodate the needs of its citizens. In 1852, St. Joseph's Catholic Church was founded. To meet the educational needs of children in the town, a schoolhouse was erected prior to 1877 along Beaver Dam Road. In addition, the Baltimore County Poor House was built in 1873 just east of Texas and York Road.<sup>4</sup>

The residential population of Texas lived primarily along the Church Lane corridor, perpendicular to the Northern Central Railway line through the town. Even with its strong economic growth from the 1860s through the 1880s, the citizens of Texas occupied only a small geographic area around the thriving commercial center of the railroad station. Although a few of the more wealthy citizens of the town had larger, more rural properties along other improved and unimproved roads that encircled the town, the vast majority of residential structures were built at the heart of the town.<sup>5</sup>

By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the community increased its density without expanding its borders. The town continued to thrive along Church Lane. It was at this point in the history of Texas that the Herbert Peterson House was constructed along Church Lane. With increased commercial development to the north of Baltimore City in the mid- and late 20<sup>th</sup> century, however, the population and building stock of Texas has begun a decline. The removal of the grade crossing along Church Lane now prevents passage from York Road through to Beaver Dam Road, and the residential community has been effectively cut off from the surrounding area. Additionally, an increasing number of properties have been purchased and developed by quarry interests, and much of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential buildings have been demolished.<sup>6</sup>

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(Towson, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1985), p. 324, and The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

<sup>4</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 882.

<sup>5</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p.47.

<sup>6</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915), n.p.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1900, the Herbert Peterson House has been associated with the 4,700 square feet known as tax parcel 241 of map 51 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's Office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

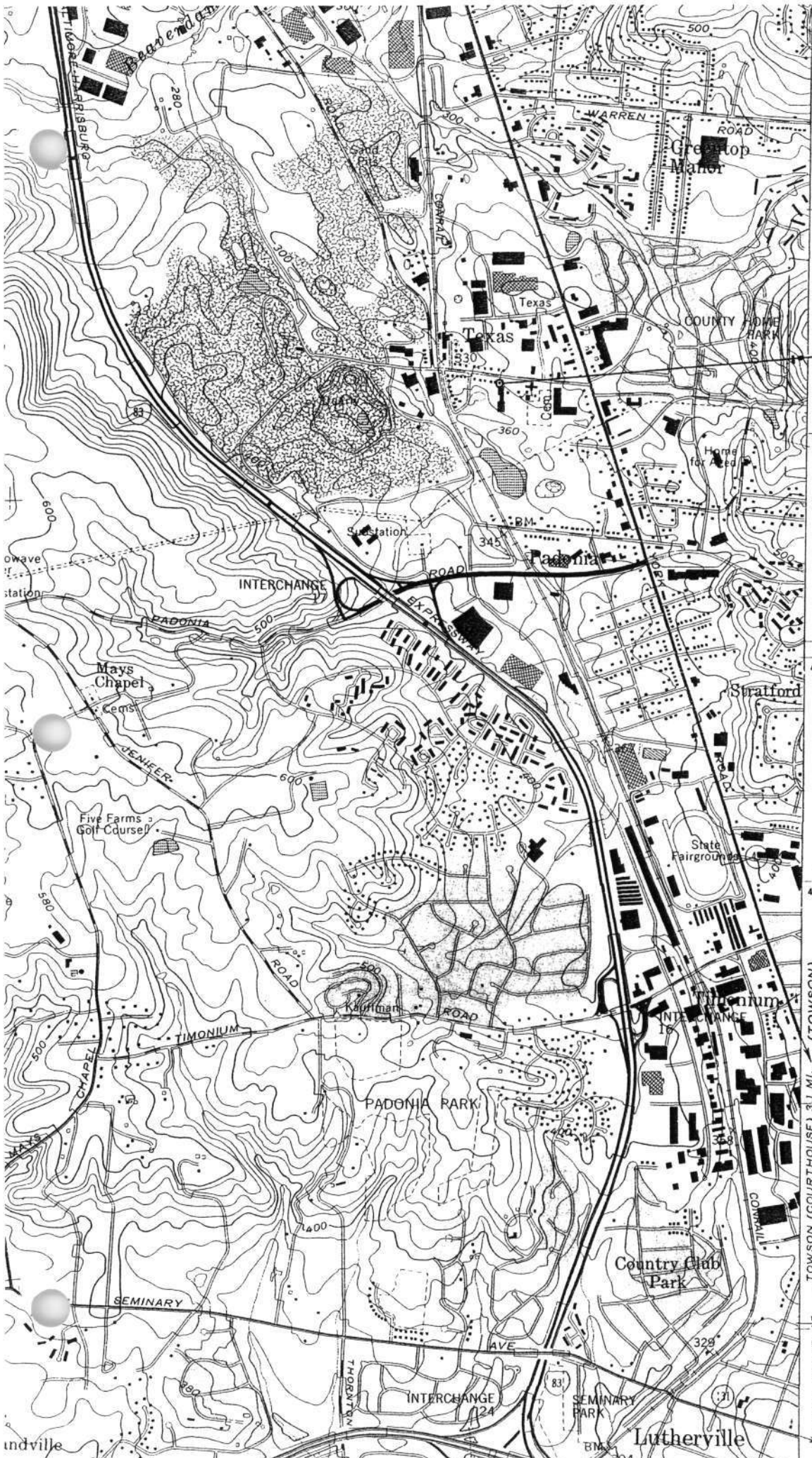
name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	April 30, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600





USGS Quad: COCKEYSVILLE  
Scale: 1:24,000

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Herbert Peterson House  
121 Church Lane  
Cockeysville  
Baltimore County







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HERBERT PETERSON HOUSE  
121 CHURCH LANE, COCKEYSVILLE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER, CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

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MD SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER, CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

121 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Herbert Peterson

Telephone #: 666-9196

STREET &amp; NUMBER

121 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Texas

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3810

Folio #: 41

STREET &amp; NUMBER

York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

BA- 1810

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two story frame house faces north on Church Lane. It is set back from the road about 20 feet on a rectangular lot. The main section of the house is rectangular with a centralized plan. Two additional wings are on the south side of the house. The building is three bays wide and two bays deep. There is a gable end roof over both the main part of the house and one of the wings. A shed roof covers the southwest wing of the house. Asbestos shingles cover the structure. It is not known whether they cover another exterior finish.

The front facade has a center wooden door with four lights. There is regular fenestration with two windows on either side of the door. They are two over two, double hung sash windows with plain white wooden trim. The second story has two, double hung two over two sash windows. There is a wooden porch covered by a shed roof on the north side of the house. It is three bays in length although it does not extend the full three bays of the front facade. The porch is enclosed halfway and has white wooden columns supporting the roof. Decorative wooden scroll brackets are found on the columns.

The east side is two bays deep with two windows on each floor. Each window is a two over two, double hung sash window. The west side is only one bay deep with one window on each floor. There is an external concrete block chimney on the west end.

The southeast wing of the house is two stories high and one bay wide. The adjacent southwest addition is only one story high and contains the back entrance.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**



**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

BA-1810

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This later building in Texas is typical of Maryland architecture in small towns and rural areas. It is an example of one of the single family homes in Texas.

*Shrine of San Diego*

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

47'x 100'

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lot is on the south side of Church Lane and runs south 79 degrees east for 100 feet. Then it runs along eastern boundary line south 8 degrees west for 100 feet then north 8 degrees west for 48 feet passing one foot easterly of iron pump on adjacent land then north 100 feet to south side of the road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Byrd Oliver

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

December 6, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Towson

TELEPHONE

825- 3300

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Chain of Title	121 Church Lane	Plat # 241
Deed Book 3810/041	February 10, 1961 - Ethel Caslin (widow ) to Herbert and Florence Peterson lot size 47'x 100'	
Deed Book 526/36	May 31, 1920 - James J. Lindsay (widower) to John and Ethel Caslin	
Deed Book 323/407	October 14, 1907 - Annie B. Cockey and Joshua F. Cockey to James Lindsay	
Deed Book 233/ 199	June 29, 1899 - John P. Clark and Susan Clark to Annie Cockey Lot size 100'x 100'	
Deed Book 35/ 510	October 13, 1862 - William Clark to John Clark	
Deed Book 31/ 311	December 13, 1860 - John Clark and wife to John P. Clark and William Clark (sons ?)	

